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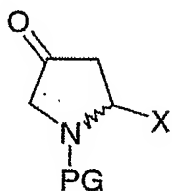
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pounds of the general formula (I). These compounds can preferably be used to prepare
bioactive agents. The reaction of the invention starts from the corresponding hydroxy
compounds which are oxidized, with Ru catalysis, in a one-phase aqueous system.



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